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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

This responds to a April 3, 2006 final Office Action ("Office Action") in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for a response for two months up to and including September 3, 2006 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a)and 1.17(a)(2). September 3, 2006 is a Sunday. September 4, 2006 is a federal holiday within the District of Columbia. Accordingly, applicants are filing this response on the next business day [37 C.F.R. §1.7(a)].

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.

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